

for a period of six months or a default in the payment of interest due upon the mortgage bonds of said company outstanding, for a like period."

SEC. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 5th day of March, A. D. 1913.

CHAPTER 290.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HILDEBRAND.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Number of commissioners.

SECTION 1. That section three of chapter two hundred and twelve of the Private Acts of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Hildebrand," be amended by striking out the word "five" before word "commissioners," in line two of section three of said act, and inserting in lieu of the same the word "three." And by amending said section by adding at the end thereof the following: "Provided, that if any member of the said board of commissioners shall move or absent himself from the said town for more than three months at any one time, such member shall forfeit his said office, and the remaining commissioners shall, upon first declaring the said office vacant, elect another commissioner to fill out such unexpired term: *Provided further*, an election shall be held on the first Monday of each and every year for the election of three commissioners and a mayor for the said town of Hildebrand."

Proviso: absence forfeiting office.

Vacancy filled.

Proviso: annual elections.

SEC. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 5th day of March, A. D. 1913.

CHAPTER 291.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 206 OF CHAPTER 342, PRIVATE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, SESSION 1907.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

School tax rate.

SECTION 1. That section two hundred and six of chapter three hundred and forty-two of the Private Laws of North Carolina, session one thousand nine hundred and seven, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty," in line four of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirty"; also